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Expanding New Jersey's Nuclear Generation Capacity

**Chamberlain Student Center
Eynon Ballroom**

**June 9, 2026
Rowan University**

Agenda

8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Introductory Remarks

Ali A. Houshmand, *Ph.D., President, Rowan University*
Yolanda Mack, *Ph.D., Associate Dean for Industry Partnerships and Workforce Development, Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering*
Stephen Sweeney, *Chair, Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy, Rowan University*

9:10 a.m. Panel I: The Sherrill Administration's Nuclear Energy Policy

Ed Potosnak, *Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*
Evan Weiss, *Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Economic Development Authority*
Colin Emerle, *Senior Counsel, Governor's Office, and Counsel, Nuclear Policy Task Force*
Mark Magyar, *Director, Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy (moderator)*

10:15 a.m. Panel II: Advanced Nuclear Reactors

Charles McFeaters, *President and Chief Nuclear Officer, PSEG Nuclear*
Senator John Burzichelli (*D-3rd District*)
James Wyble III, *Vice President, Americas Region, Westinghouse, and lead for AP1000 project development in North America*
Steve Sweeney, *Chair, Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy (moderator)*

11:20 a.m. Panel III: Small Modular Reactors

Patrick O'Brien, *Director of Government Affairs and Communications, Holtec*
Assemblyman Gregory Myhre (*R-9th District*)
Victor Ibarra, *Senior Manager, Advanced Nuclear Technology, Clean Air Task Force*
Erick Ford, *President, New Jersey Energy Policy Coalition*
Bob Gordon, *Vice President, Stevens & Lee Public Affairs (moderator)*

12:25 p.m. Luncheon

12:50 p.m. Luncheon Keynote

Christine Guhl-Sadovy, *President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
Introduction by Anthony Lowman, *Ph.D., Chancellor*

1:30 p.m.

Panel IV: Meeting the Workforce Needs for Nuclear Expansion

Howard Miller, *Chief of Business Services, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development*

Daniel Cosner, *President, Southern New Jersey Building Trades and Construction Council*

Joe Checkley, *International Representative, IBEW*

Yolanda Mack, *Ph.D., Associate Dean for Industry Partnerships and Workforce Development, Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering*

Ken Robell, *Vice President of Academic Affairs, Salem Community College*

Marie Casanova, *Director of the Green Jobs Academy, Rowan University (moderator)*

2:30 p.m.

Panel V: The ROWEC State Policy Lab Project: Environmental, Planning, Fiscal and Policy Issues in Nuclear Development

Dr. Elizabeth Cooner, *Executive Director, State Policy Lab, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (Introduction)*

Eddie Guerra, *Ph.D., Associate Dean for Strategic Sustainability & Engagement, School of Earth & Environment*

Christopher Peters, *Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering*

Ethan Cantor, *PH.D. student, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering*

Daniel Carrasco, *M.A. student, Public Policy, Ric Edelman College of Communication, Humanities & Social Sciences*

Fiona Currie, *senior Accounting student, Rohrer College of Business, Martinson Honors College*

Ladarion Hardison, *M.A. recent graduate, Urban and Regional Planning, with concentration in Geospatial Science and Methods, School of Earth & Environment*

Maximilian Owens, *recent graduate, Economics major, Ric Edelman College of Communication, Humanities & Social Sciences*

3:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Eddie Guerra, *Ph.D., Associate Dean for Strategic Sustainability and Engagement, School of Earth and Environment*

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